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In re Application of

Muller

Application No. 09/029,425 : ON PETITION

Filed: December 18, 1998

Attorney Docket No. 67562.5

For: METHOD OF INSERTING A

FASTENER ELEMENT, BOLT ELEMENT,

RIVETING DIE AND COMPONENT

ASSEMBLY

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 12, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 5, 2004, which set a period for reply of one (1) month. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on September 6, 2004 for failure to reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 17, 2005.

Petitioner has submitted an election in reply to the August 5, 2004 Restriction Requirement, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the August 5, 2004 Restriction Requirement, and the required petition fee.¹

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3726 for consideration of the election filed on April 12, 2006.

¹ The registered practitioner signing the statement of delay was not in a position of knowing whether or not the delay was unintentional. If practitioner has no knowledge of the nature of the delay, practitioner must make an inquiry into the matter and inform the Office if the delay was not unintentional.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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